

HOUSE BILL 3235

By McCord

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 202; Title 68, Chapter 211; Title 68, Chapter 212 and Title 68, Chapter 213, relative to waste disposal.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 211, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new section thereto:

§ 68-211-125.

(a) The Tennessee advisory commission on intergovernmental relations (TACIR) is directed to perform a study of the present state of solid waste in this state and recommend actions to encourage the minimizing of solid waste in landfills in the state, including the following areas:

(1) An analysis of Class IV construction and demolition waste and recommendations to encourage recycling and reuse of such materials;

(2) An analysis of hazardous waste and recommendations of methods to prevent such waste; and

(3) An analysis of methods of composting food, yard waste and paper products from businesses, schools, restaurants, food stores and other commercial sources when such products are not recycled, and recommendations of a plan to encourage and facilitate such composting, including, but not limited to collection and composting methods, and the marketing requirements that would be needed for such a plan to be successful.

(b) The study required in subsection (a) shall be supplemented with any additional studies on reducing solid waste previously conducted by the comptroller of the

treasury, the department of environment and conservation, or any other state entity with knowledge of solid waste disposal.

(c) All appropriate state departments and agencies shall provide assistance to TACIR.

(d) TACIR shall report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation or interim reports, to the senate environment, conservation and tourism committee and the conservation and environment committee of the house of representatives by February 15, 2011.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.